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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman**  
**Committee on Appropriations**  
**United States Senate**  
**Washington 25, D. C.**

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**Committee on Armed Services**  
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**SUBJECT: Acquisition of Property**

1. A careful survey of the property surrounding the headquarters building of the Agency at Langley resulted in the determination that additional land should be purchased to protect effectively security of the headquarters building. The attached map (TAB 1) indicates two unimproved pieces of property of approximately thirteen (13) acres each (Viner and Kaufman), a part or all of which lies within a 1400-foot radius of the building which should be purchased. In addition, there are two small improved lots of slightly more than an acre which should be purchased (Falin and Sterrett). The total acreage involved is approximately 29 acres. An estimated value of these properties is \$362,000. The building is otherwise basically protected through Government ownership of the land, including the Bureau of Public Roads and the George Washington National Memorial Parkway.

2. Recent activities indicate an intent of the owners to request rezoning to permit construction of a high-rise apartment. Naturally such a building would aggravate the existing dangers. These dangers have been the subject of a full technical survey and

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fall in the fields of visual, photographic, audio, electronic and infrared surveillance. We have attached a set of pictures (TAB 2) taken from one of the properties (as indicated in the first picture) showing various offices in the building, including the Director's office. It must be emphasized, however, that a most serious danger lies in the field of technical surveillance. These dangers are very real in our opinion and, consequently, it is believed prompt action to acquire this land is necessary prior to further development of the land.

3. The legal and funding aspects of acquiring this land have been fully coordinated within the Executive Branch. The Department of Justice, in cooperation with General Services Administration, is prepared to act when they are requested to do so. Legal authorization may be drawn from the original authorization act for the construction of the building contained in Title IV of Public Law 84-161 or the basic provisions of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 which authorize acquisition of land. Depending upon a legal ruling from the General Accounting Office, we may be able to utilize unspent funds still available from the appropriations for construction of the building; otherwise, we would be required to utilize current appropriations which would require some reprogramming within the Agency. In any event, no authorization legislation or appropriation legislation is required to accomplish this.

s/ John S. Warner

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**Attachments**

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